

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
JANUARY 4, 1956

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, January 4, 1956; Councilmen Fuller, Hughes, Mitchell, Richey, and Robinson (Mayor) present; none absent. City Attorney Mullen and City Manager Weller also present.

Minutes of the previous meetings of December 7, 1955 and December 21, 1955 were approved as written and mailed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORD. NO. 546 Mayor Robinson opened the meeting to the hearing
INTRODUCED of protests to the proposed annexation of that
61ST ADDITION property described in Resolution No. 1890 and
known as the "61st Addition, Lands North of Locke-
ford Street and West of Loma Drive". There being
no protests offered, either written or oral,
Ordinance No. 546, entitled "Approving the Annexa-
tion of the 'Sixty-first Addition, Lands North
of Lockeford Street and West of Loma Drive' to
the City of Lodi and Declaring that the Same Is
Annexed to and Made Part of the City of Lodi",
was introduced on the motion of Councilman Fuller,
Hughes second.

FLOOD CONTROL Mr. A. M. Mellor and Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk addressed
the City Council to state their views regarding
the flood problems in the northwest portion of
the City. At the request of Councilman Fuller,
Mr. Weller outlined the measures being taken on
a temporary basis to protect the homes on Laurel
Avenue and south of Turner Road. He added that
a permanent solution would be a project of some
magnitude and probably would be outside the juris-
diction of the City Council. Mayor Robinson
suggested that the City Manager contact the Army
Corps of Engineers in an effort to expedite the
use of the \$15,000 allotted for the study of
flood control on the Mokelumne River. The Mayor
then read the following statement:

"We appreciate the efforts that were made
by all parties interested in the Mokelumne River
during the recent high water. It appears, how-
ever, that there was no unified effort made to
correlate data on rainfall, run off, storage
capacity in reservoirs, releases from storage,
anticipated river flow and timing at various
places of the flow.

"It seems that such correlated data would
be of great value in future crises and that a
central agency able to give out authentic informa-
tion could be set up--perhaps in conjunction with
our Civilian Defense operations or our Police
Public Relations Department.

"I request that the City Manager endeavor
to work out a program along these lines."

Mr. Van Buskirk stated that there are structures
on the Mokelumne River which impede the flow of
the water, and he felt the people of the community
have the right to expect flood protection from
the people who erect these structures. He stated
that he felt the elected officials should take
the necessary action rather than groups of people
acting in desperation. Specifically, he requested

that a concrete structure with bulkheads at either end be erected southwest of the present Woodbridge Irrigation District dam, so that the water could be released at this point rather than waiting until the weight and force of the backed up water washes out the earthen fill as has been the case in the two recent floods. Mayor Robinson assured Mr. Van Buskirk that the City Council was interested in finding a permanent solution to the flood problem and would seek cooperation from State and Federal agencies.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

THANKS TO WORKERS DURING FLOOD

Mr. Weller, recognizing Mr. George Creighton, Manager of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in Lodi, in the audience, expressed appreciation to Mr. Creighton and the Telephone Company for the excellent response received during the flood emergency on December 23 and 24, 1955. Mayor Robinson also stated that he wished to add his appreciation and acknowledge the work done during the flood by the following individuals and groups: City Manager Weller, his assistant, Henry Glaves, Assistant Civil Defense Director Oou Farnsworth, Chief of Police Fred Hunt, Fire Chief George Polenske, City Engineer Heckenlaible and his staff, Explorer Scout Troup No. 26 under Harold Dragoo, George Creighton, Lieutenant Maple and the National Guard Unit, and Radio Station KCVR manned by Herbert and David Brown and George Sampson. The above thanks were ordered spread in the minutes of the meeting on the motion of Councilman Mitchell, Fuller second.

ELECTION SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY

The City Manager presented a proposed agreement with the County of San Joaquin for furnishing services and material to the City of Lodi in connection with the General Municipal Election to be held in the City on April 10, 1956. The agreement provides for the County to furnish such services and supplies required by the City for which the City will pay the actual cost plus ten per cent. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 1894, approving said agreement and authorizing the Mayor to sign on behalf of the City Council.

RES. #1894 ADOPTED

PRISONER AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY

An agreement between the City of Lodi and the County of San Joaquin providing for the care of City prisoners by the County was approved and the Mayor was authorized to sign it on behalf of the City Council by the adoption of Resolution No. 1893 on the motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second. The agreement provides for the payment by the City of 75 cents per day per prisoner while in the custody of the County Sheriff.

RES. #1893 ADOPTED

BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Mr. Weller informed the City Council that the City had received a copy of an application for an alcoholic beverage license at 15 North Sacramento Street. The matter was referred to the Police Chief for investigation and necessary action.

CLAIMS	Claims in the amount of \$117,392.30 were approved on the motion of Councilman Richey, Mitchell second.
SPECS FOR SEWER INSTALLATION APPROVED	Specifications for the installation of sanitary sewer lines from the southeast corner of the Hutchins Sunset Park subdivision to the sewage disposal plant were approved on the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second.
SALARY IN- CREASES FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES	The City Manager reported that he had conducted a survey among comparable cities and local private enterprise to determine the prevailing wage levels. As a result of this study he recommended that the salaries of the classified employees be increased by one step or approximately 5.1%. He added that he had discussed the matter with the City Librarian and that she wished to also recommend that the salaries of the Library employees be increased by a like amount. Mr. Weller further recommended that the salaries for Chief Police Clerk, Police Clerk, and Chief sewage Plant Operator classes be up graded one step, and that the title of Building Official be changed to Building Inspector and the class reduced two steps in salary. Mr. Weller explained that the incumbent Building Official would be leaving City employment approximately February 15, 1956 and therefore the change affecting this position should take effect at that time. Ordinance No. 547, amending the Salary Ordinance to effect the above recommended changes as of January 1, 1956, with the exception of the position of Building Official, was introduced on the motion of Councilman Hughes, Mitchell second.
ORD. NO. 547 INTRODUCED	
DEPT. HEAD SALARIES INCREASED	The City Manager then recommended that the salaries of all department heads be increased by 5.1 per cent. On the motion of Councilman Hughes, Richey second, Resolution No. 1895, increasing the salaries of all department heads and the City Clerk by 5.1 per cent, was adopted.
RES. #1895 ADOPTED	
AWARD TO POLICE CHIEF	The Mayor then read a letter from the editor of LAW AND ORDER Magazine congratulating the City on the Youth Trophy Plaque awarded Police Chief Fred Hunt by the magazine for his article on youth.
	The Council adjourned on motion of Councilman Fuller, Mitchell second.

ATTEST:

HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk